

REMARKS

Please cancel claims 55-77. Applicant has added claims 78-89. Accordingly, claims 1-54 and 78-89 are now in the application. Applicant will be filing a divisional application on claims 55-77.

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the objections of the Examiner.

Applicant has made other changes in the claims to correct informalities noted by applicant upon a further study of the claims. All of the claims as now written in the application are believed to be definite and are to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner.

Applicant provides a vest which includes a plurality of electrodes indicating the parameters of a patient's heart when the patient has a small, medium or large size. Each of the electrodes indicates the parameters of an individual one of electrodes V₁ to V₆ in a patient when the patient has an individual one of a small, medium or large size. The electrodes are disposed in individual ones of rows and columns in the vest. First columns in the vest are directed to the individual dispositions of electrodes V₁ and V₂ in the vest when the patient has an individual one of the small, medium and large sizes. Second columns in the vest are directed to individual dispositions of electrodes V₄, V₅ and V₆ in the vest when the patient has an individual one of small, medium and large sizes. Another column of the vest is directed to the disposition of the electrodes V₃ when the patient has an individual one of the small, medium and large sizes.

The references cited by the Examiner do not disclose a vest in which the electrodes V₁ - V₆ are disposed in individual positions in the vest when the patient has an individual one small, medium and large sizes. For example, Greene provides a pattern of electrodes of a patient for an individual size of the patient and then provides a vest from the pattern. There is accordingly no disclosure in Greene of a vest in which electrodes are provided for patients of

small, medium and large sizes and which the electrodes are disposed in individual columns in the vest regardless of the size of the patient.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has rejected most of applicant's claims in paragraph 13 of the Office Action on the basis that Greene clearly anticipates the claims "except for the amplifier." Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner should consider separately whether the prior art discloses each individual element recited in each claim. The Examiner will find it difficult to show in Greene the elements in applicant's vest for use with patients of small, medium and large sizes. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner should consider and act upon the different elements in applicant's claims in rejecting the claims.

The Examiner has indicated that applicant should have to recite an inflator in some of the claims. Applicant is not required to recite every element in applicant's vest. This is particularly true since applicant has recited in the claims that the vest is inflatable at the positions of the electrodes.

Reconsideration and allowance of applicant's claims are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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